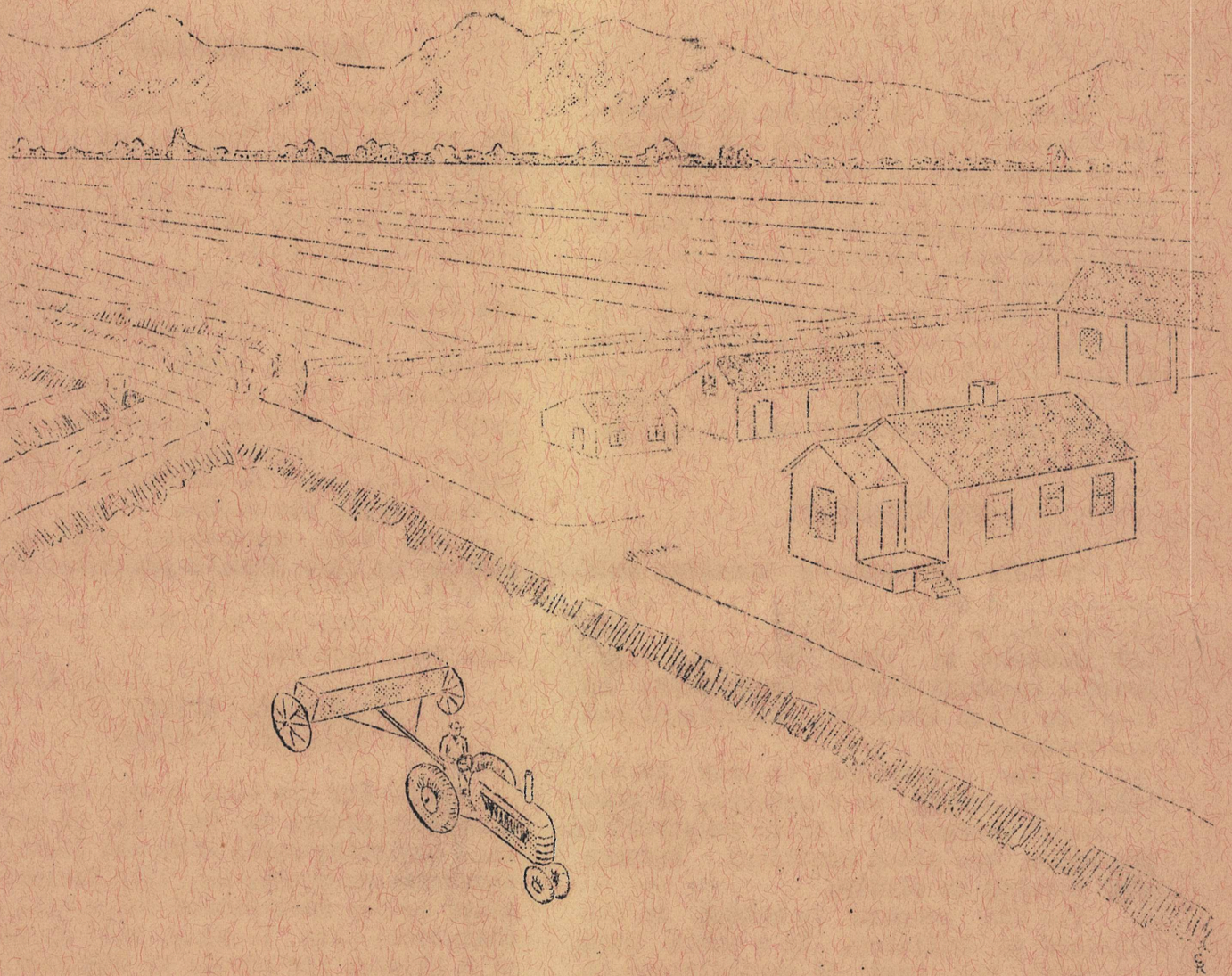


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Editorials

This paper is printed by campees, for campees, their families and friends. It is hoped that it will give an accurate picture of camp life as it is lived, and worked, and played at CPS Camp #64, at Terry, Montana. Anyone feeling an urge to contribute anything of interest to CPS men should feel free to do so. We will also welcome questions on any phase of camp life which you would like to see discussed in the paper. It's your paper, help to make it what you want it to be.

WHY "BUILDER"?

To fell an oak, to demolish some building, to wreck an auto, to destroy a life, - these require little skill and a few seconds of time. However, they provide material for the newspapers, as they are often dramatic, sensational, and spectacular.

On the other hand, to grow an oak, build a cathedral or a machine, or mold a human character, - these constructive processes are often unnoticed because they develop so slowly.

The CPS program is unique in its emphasis on building. In a world gonad with the lust of annihilation, it remains a small island of sanity. It always insists that to build is far nobler an aim than to tear down, regardless of how commonplace it may seem.

Here at Terry we have many various opportunities to share in the CPS motive and the building program. In our project work we put up various kinds of material structures. We are building a better future for eastern Montana by irrigating the land. But at the same time, and far beyond material building, we are making better men of ourselves. We are built up spiritually by engaging in public and private devotions, mentally by making use of the library and associating with our fellow campees, and physically by our work and play.

If we would take our part in post-war reconstruction, we must use wisely today each opportunity to become better builders.

EASTER THOUGHTS

"If Christ be not risen", writes the apostle Paul, "then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain". Besides, "ye are yet in your sins", and "they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."

A dark picture indeed, if Christ be not risen. If that were true, what could we say for the CPS program? For if Christ rose not, death is the end of everything. Then to "eat, drink and be merry" is the logical philosophy. Follow the path of least resistance, live for self alone. Then the militarist is right in destroying his enemy.

Our firm conviction this Easter season is that Paul's preaching is not in vain, that our faith is not vain, that if we be crucified with Him, we shall also rise with Him.

A. Herr

EWY TO ATTEND
 COOKING SCHOOL

Arle Ewy has been chosen to attend a cooking school to be held at Grottoe Va., beginning April 26th and lasting about twelve weeks. He, with fellows from other M.C.C. administered camps will study dietetics, mass feeding, and operation of a kitchen for mobile or disaster unit. Transportation is paid for by the govt.

Arlo transferred here from Fort Collins, and has been working in the kitchen for quite some time.

An outstanding personage in the CPS setup arrived in camp Wednesday A.M. in the person of Rev. Albert Gaeddert, general director of CPS camps west of the Mississippi.

Coming directly from a conference with U.S. Forestry Service officials held the day before, Rev. Gaeddert brought first hand information on the parachute fire-fighting unit which will begin training on May 15, at Missoula, Montana.

To Terry campees in particular he brought a broader vision of the meaning of their work, as related to the growth of the Kingdom of God. He pictured a day after the war, when CPS men will be returning home, some perhaps without any means of earning a living. He said that the MCC even now has in mind a Mennonite farming community for such men to be formed possibly at some place similar to the Yellowstone Valley. Though such plans are still in the "dream" stage, it is encouraging to know that our work does have a significance for the future.

According to Rev. Gaeddert, the Farm Security Administration seems to have a closer correlation with the MCC aims and purposes than any other agency primarily in that they want to help the ones who really need help.

The work done by Conscientious Objectors all over the country is now attracting attention because it is done well. Doing each day's work well, whether or not it seems important is what counts in building men. Besides, the work done here at Terry, according to Rev. Gaeddert, is really important because farmers will benefit from it directly, and for many years to come.

THE SAD TALE OF A HOG

From hog on the hoof to pork in the pantry in forty minutes time, that's the sad story of that pig that didn't get to market. Instead he fell a victim to the appetites of the campees who had fed him for a few weeks. Four others of his kind await a similar fate.

The butchering was done by Dave Knopp who was assisted by Harry Gascho, Ivan Yoder, Elmer Wall, and David Schrag.

This is to introduce those who guide direct, and watch over the activities of the boys off CPS camp #64 at Terry, Mont.

First we would like to have you meet Ralph Beechy. He is a quiet sort of chap but is fully capable of handling all of the affairs of the camp. He is well educated having attended Kent State in Ohio, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, and Ohio State. He holds the M.A. degree. One of the campees, he has had his first camp at Hagerstown, Pa. where he was the educational director. When the Terry camp was opened he was transferred and now holds the responsibility and title of Camp Director.

Next we introduce Mrs. Olive Beechy, Ralph's Wife. She hails from Apple Creek, Ohio, and has also attended Kent State, Goshen College, and Ohio State. When her husband was transferred she left her job of teaching and assumed the duties of dietician which involves the planning and supervision of the preparation of all meals. To the boys in the kitchen she is known affectionally as "Mama Beechy".

Then there is Vernon Roche. He also has had almost a year of camp life, he and Mr. Beechy having been inducted on the same day. He came here from Weeping Water where he collected data and made calculations for the soil experimental station at Hastings, Nebr. His list of colleges attended includes Goshen College, University of Illinois, and the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo. He has an M.S. degree, and is now the educational director for this camp.

Our Camp Nurse and Matron is Miss Ruth Wedel. Ruth calls McPherson, Kans. her home, and has attended Bethel College Newton, Kansas. She took her three years of nurses training at the Bethel Deaconess Hospital in Newton, Kansas, graduating as a registered Nurse in Sept 1942.

David Schrag, our business manager and the one who does all the buying of camp supplies, came here from Weeping Water, where he had been the assistant business manager. An unassuming chap he has attended Central College, McPherson, Kansas, and Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas.

BUILDING ON THE ROCK

BY JOE A. YODER

In Camp Terry the completely full and balanced life is taken into account and many means to foster and to maintain it are provided in our camp program. This is true also for the spiritual side of the individual, which receives its due emphasis and the opportunity for proper growth and exercise are offered to all.

Each Sunday morning we have Sunday School in our chapel. This is followed by a worship service whenever a minister is available. Young People's meeting is held each Sunday evening. Wednesday evening of each week is set aside for our Prayer meeting and Bible Study class period. Each morning devotions are conducted in the dining hall, following breakfast. Campees taking charge as their turn comes.

Our Sunday School is re-organized every quarter. The services for the first six weeks were taken care of by Rev. J. C. Mardis, a Congregationalist minister, who was our first camp supt. Following this we have been favored by visits from Mennonite ministers residing in Dakota-Montana Conference district. Several times we have accepted the kind invitation of the Terry Community Church to worship with them in the morning and have always been blessed and inspired.

The following ministers have visited the camp and have left with us inspiring messages. Feb. 21 and April 11, Elmer Borntrager, Bloomfield, Montana; March 21, Floyd Kauffman, Minot, N. Dak.; April 4, John Stoll, Edgeland, North Dakota; and April 18, L.A. Kauffman, Minot, North Dakota. On Wed. April 1, two Amish bishops, Ira Nissley, Kalona, Iowa, and Eli Bontrager, Shipshewana, Indiana, gave us a very pleasant visit. In the evening they held a special service for all the Amish boys in camp, preached an edifying sermon in the German language, and then conducted a Holy Communion service for the members of the Amish denomination.

We are grateful to all of those ministers for their interest in and us and the contrubition they have made to the spiritual well-being of the boys in this camp.

The Prayer meeting, Young People's meeting and the room for private prayer are all under the supervision of a camp Religious Life Committee. We were very fortunate in obtaining the services of a retired minister of the Reformed Church (America), Rev. Garrit Koyker who was acting as supply minister to the Terry Community Church. Rev Koyker had charge of our Prayer meetings from Feb. 17 to March 17. He gave lessons on prayer and The Sermon on the Mount. Several Sunday evenings he also gave some expositions on some of his favorite Psalms.

MEET MR. FINGERSON

"Clarence, how do you think this should be done?" This is the very open minded way in which Mr. E.E. Fingerson, our Camp Superintendent, and government administrating agent for the Farm Security Administration, goes about his work. His previous experience as an executive working under the W.P.A. had given him a good insight into the human nature, and has taught him much about the psychology of administration. Never will he assume the rule of "boss", but always is open for suggestion and criticism.

We who work with find in him a thorough organizer, but not a taskmaster. He is quiet and thoughtful, but he never fails to have a good answer of ready wit or supply of good humor for almost any occasion.

His sincere interest in the welfare of the fellows and the camp, even outside of the field of his own administration is of definite benefit to all of us. It is his philosophy that we must all get the most out our experience here, and he goes out of his way to make this possible.

Drop into the technical office at some time and learn to know this man who is doing his best to make our work and a living here profitable. He'll be glad to meet you.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

CPS BOYS GO THE THIRD MILE

On Sunday, March 28, sixty eager campees, chosen from a list of eighty volunteers, demonstrated cooperation in time of emergency when they were called upon by the Milwaukee Railroad Company to assist in rebuilding several miles of track which had been washed out by the rampaging, ice-choked Yellowstone River. The river had overflowed its banks and rained destruction on a large part of the countryside, as immense ice floes jammed and piled high, following the spring thaw and break-up. The worst loss was incurred when the immense flow of ice cakes gently lifted the steel, four-spanned, highway bridge from its piers, crushing three spans beneath its tremendous weight, and depositing the fourth span high and dry on the bank of the river.

These volunteers willingly gave up a day of rest to labor seventeen hours, most of it during the night. After some hours of dynamiting to remove the large and heavy floes from the road bed, the boys shoveled gravel to build up the bed in preparation for the laying of the rails. Part of the track had only been turned over into the ditch, and to the foreman's shouts of "Heave-ho!" or "Heave heavy!", the boys slowly edged the track back onto the right of way. Some of the fellows, standing almost knee-deep in the mud and water, strained with all the night on the bars, while the others did their best while pulling.

But not one shirked his duty till the last piece of track was in place. When asked why he worked so zealously, one fellow replied, "I won't my 'sugar report' (letter from his girl friend) till the trains get through."

The following night the boys, having had only a few hours of sleep, again went out and helped to repair the Northern Pacific Railroad which had also been damaged by the flood, so that trains might again resume their schedules relieve the communities of a serious food shortage. It was this night that a humorous, yet serious, incident occurred. While the lunches were being delivered to the day shift, one of the boys, Allen

CPS BOYS SING

Last Sunday evening the choir of the Terry Community Church sang the Easter cantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King". It was under the direction of Mrs. Irving J. Bridenstein. A number of the boys from the camp accepted the invitation to help the choir in the rendition of the number. Those singing special parts were Glen Graber, tenor solo; Royce Engle, bass solo, and Willard Unruh and Vernon Vogt tenor and bass respectively in a mixed quartet.

The special feature of the evening was the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "The Messiah".

There were no evening services at camp so most of the boys availed themselves of the opportunity and came out to enjoy the music.

CAMP ORGANIZATION.

These are the officers elected to serve on the various committees during the second quarter of 1943:

Religious Life

Hershal Hooley, chairman

Larry Gascho

Vernon Lehman

Recreational

Don Wenger, chairman

Nathan Miller

Bill Jaehde

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Shirk, who was helping deliver the lunch missed the train which the rest of the group took back to the crew trucks. After running and walking the three mile stretch between him and the trucks, he arrived just in time to watch the trucks pull away for camp, thirty miles away. Stranded and alone, the guiding Hand of God put him in the path of a railroad foreman who took Shirk to Miles City. Here he spent the night waiting for the tracks to be repaired so that he could get back to camp, which he did the next day about the middle of the afternoon.

-- Allen Shirk



SPORTS

BY

HAROLD NIKKEL

Spring is here again and once more our thoughts wander to the great outdoor sport. Again comes the cry of the Umpire, "Play Ball!" and the men of this camp are all ready to play. No matter what other interests an individual may have he is from time to time seen at the softball diamond, either playing or cheering his favorite team to victory.

One evening after supper several of the men from the technical staff took time to clear a diamond for us. Using a caterpillar tractor, scraper, and grader they had a dandy diamond scraped in a short time. We thank these men for their small job and the extra time they put in on the ball diamond.

The recreational committee has also organized teams for the softball league for the season. Captains were elected as follows: Dormitory I-Captain, Raymond Slaubaugh, assistant, Richard Nachtigall; Dorm II- Captain, Bill Jaehde, assistant Johnny Kaufman; Dorm IV- Captain, Eli Weaver, assistant, Shermon Shrock.

These are the names chosen for the A and B teams respectively for each dorm. Dorm I- Cardinals and Jayhawks; Dorm II- Bull Dogs and Bucs; Dorm IV- Buckeyes and Prairie Dusters.

BASKETBALL SUMMARY

The camp was very fortunate in being able to use a fine gymnasium in the town in the local high school for the sports program this winter. Although the camp opened here after New Year and the time for basketball was almost over, we still had plenty of opportunity to have a very successful sports program.

After playing several games against the teams from Terry, we were invited to play with the men from the high school and the town team in a basket ball league. Two teams were organized in camp, the Cardinals and the Globe-Trotters.

Games were played every Tuesday and Friday night for three consecutive weeks. During this time we completed a double round-robin in the league. This ended in a tie for first place between the

Cards and the Town Team. In the playoff game the Town Team subdued the Cardinals by a score of 31 to 27.

Final League Standings

Team	W	L	Pctg
Terry Town	5	1	.857
Cardinals	4	2	.714
Globe-Trotters	2	4	.333
Terry High	0	6	.000

Ten Leading Scorers

Name	Team	Points
Nachtigall	Cardinals	79
C. Marks	Terry Town	73
Wall	Cardinals	48
P. Marks	Terry Town	46
Nikkel	Globe-Trotters	44
R. Marks	Cardinals	42
Beechy	Cardinals	41
Dester	Globe-Trotters	38
Ban	Terry High	30
Wenger	Cardinals	34

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MEN WITH UNUSUAL JOBS

It's an extraordinary day in camp when there isn't an extraordinary job to be done, and always a man is found who knows how to do it.

For instance, the same draft that brought conscientious objectors to camp Terry also created a shortage of trained teachers, with the result that the Terry High School found itself in need of a teachers. Camp officials didn't have to look far to find Glen Graber, able and willing to take over until the end of the term. He teaches classes in biology and physics, a job which he never had anticipated when he came to Camp. Glen is a graduate of Bluffton College and also attended the University of Iowa.

Another man with an extraordinary job is Hershal Hooley, captain of two boats, eighteen and twenty feet long which furnish a means of transportation over the Yellowstone River for the boys working at the pumping plant and beyond. This eliminates the forty mile detour over dirt roads which was the first solution to the washout of the Fallon highway bridge over the Yellowstone River.

--Paul Martin

Men in CPS Camp #64, April 22, 1943

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Aashliman, Elton J.	Archbold, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Albrecht, Robert R.	Tiskilwa, Ill.	Menn. (old)
Ballard, Delbert R.	Garlin, Kentucky	Brethren in Christ
Beachy, Rufus R.	Kalona, Iowa	Menn. (old)
Beachy, Ralph	Apple Creek, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Becker, Johnnie I.	Marion, S. Dak.	Evang. Menn. Brethren
Becker, Leander A.	Dolton, S. Dak.	Menn. Brethren
Becker, Willard	Marion, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Beiler, John S.	Paradise, Pa.	Old Order Amish
Birkey, Harold E.	Fisher, Ill.	Menn. (old)
Bishop, Monford H.	Lansdale, Pa.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Breneman, Charles A.	Elida, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Buller, Raymond	McPherson, Kansas	Ch. of God in Christ Menn.
Byon, Verland M.	Hamlin, Kansas	Brethren in Christ
Boese, Howard D.	Newton, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Charles, Kenneth H.	Hamlin, Kansas	Brethren in Christ
Dester, Marvin	Deer Creek, Okla.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Eck, Elon H.	Archbold, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Eby, Harvey C.	Alanson, Michigan	Menn. (old)
Engle, Royce A.	Goshen, Indiana	Brethren in Christ
Ensz, Harry D.	Marion, S. Dak.	Evang. Menn. Brethren
Ewy, Arlo J.	Kingman, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Fast, David D.	Conway, Kansas	Krimmer Menn. Brethren
Fisher, Amos K.	Ronks, Pa.	Old Order Amish
Gascho, Harry	Wood River, Nebraska	Menn. (old)
Gingerich, Elmer M.	Hartville, Ohio	Old Order Amish
Gingerich, John Jr.	Arthur, Illinois	Old Order Amish
Gingerish, Joseph J.	Topeka, Indiana	Old Order Amish
Glick, Daniel J.	Topeka, Indiana	Old Order Amish
Gockmeyer, Mervin H.	Lancaster, Pa.	Menn. (old)
Geering, Elmer W.	Pretty Prairie, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Graber, Glen D.	Wayland, Iowa	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Gross, Paul P.	Freeman, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Hartzler, Ralph D.	East Lynne, Missouri	Menn. (old)
Halsey, Aaron F.	Spring Mills, Pa.	Brethren in Christ
Holshman, Clarence O.	Harrisonburg, Va.	Menn. (old)
Herr, Aaron B.	Farmersville, Pa.	Menn. (old)
Hershberger, Dan J.	Beach City, Ohio	Conservative Menn.
Hofer, Jacob E.	Hitchcock, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Hofer, Joseph	Marion, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Hosetler, Lloyd J.	Louisville, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Huber, Daniel A.	Harrisonburg, Va.	Menn. (old)
Jaende, William	Ransom, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Janzen, Gus I.	Custer City, Okla.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Kanagy, Attrenis E.	Belleville, Pa.	Menn. (old)
Kauffman, Harold T.	Manheim, Pa.	Menn. (old)
Johnnie, Kaufman	Dolton, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Keller, Howard C.	Pipersville, Pa.	Menn. (old)
King, Paul C.	Elida, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Knopp, David H.	Columbiana, Ohio	Wisler Menn.
Koehn, Menno	Galva, Kansas	Ch. of God in Christ Menn.
Lapp, Seth J.	Gap, Pa.	Menn. Old
Lehman, Vernon A.	Apple Creek, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Lehrman, Orie W.	Newton, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Martin, Paul M.	Bluffton, Ohio	Presbyterian
West, Eli	Clarence Center, N. Y.	Cons. Amish Menn.
Miller, Edgar	Hurley, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.

Men in CPS Camp #64 (continued)

Miller, Eli I.	Nappanee, Ind.	Old Order Amish
Miller, Fred	Chouteau, Okla.	Old Order Amish
Miller, Nathan D.	Millersburg, Ohio	Old Order Amish
Milliet, Dan A.	Millersburg, Ohio	Old Order Amish
Nachtigal, Richard E.	Inman, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Neufeld, Leonard	Inman, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Nikkel, Harold J.	Moundridge, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Noel, Sterling L.	Strang, Nebraska	Menn. (old)
Oswald, Emanuel	Bruning, Nebraska	Menn. (old)
Paul, John H.	Scottsdale, Pa.	Menn. (old)
Penner, Menno	Colony, Oklahoma	Menn. Brethren
Preheim, Herbert R.	Freeman, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Preheim, Melvin A.	Freeman, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Preheim, Reinhardt J.	Marion, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Raber, Andrew B.	Topeka, Indiana	Old Order Amish
Rediger, Dallas D.	Wayland, Iowa	Menn. (old)
Reed, Kyle T.	Hamilton, Ill.	Dunkard Brethren
Regier, Menno L.	Enid, Oklahoma	Menn. Brethren
Regier, Robert G.	Newton, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Regier, John Stanley	Hillsboro, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Rocke, Vernon S.	Tiskilwa, Ill.	Menn. (old)
Schmidt, Robert	Cordell, Oklahoma	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Schmucker, Carl F.	Wauseon, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Schragg, David, D.	McPherson, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Schrag, Willard A.	Pretty Prairie, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Schweitzer, Lyle W.	Strang, Nebraska	Menn. (old)
Shirk, S. Allen	New Holland, Pa.	Menn. (old)
Schrock, Sherman M.	Mark Center, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Slabaugh, Roman J.	North Lawrence, Ohio	Brethren in Christ
Slaubaugh, Raymond T.	Nappanee, Indiana	Old Order Amish
Springer, Paul M.	Delevan, Ill.	Menn. (old)
Stahl, Lorraine K.	Davidsville, Pa.	Menn. Old
Stauffer, Vern J.	Milford, Nebraska	Menn. (old)
Stackly, Dale W.	Iowa City, Iowa	Menn. (old)
Stucky, Melvin C.	Wauseon, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Stutzman, Orville C.	Aurora, Ohio	Menn. Old
Swoveland, Ora J.	Wymore, Nebraska	Church of Christ (discipl.)
Thomas, Otto J.	Marion, S. Dak.	Evang. Menn. Brethren
Toews, Harvey	Chickasha, Oklahoma	Ch. of God in Christ Menn.
Toews, Lloyd T.	Chickasha, Oklahoma	Ch. of God in Christ Menn.
Troyer, John A.	Hartville, Ohio	Conservative Menn.
Tschetter, Richard D.	Pretty Prairie, Kansas	Central Conf. Menn.
Unruh, Willard H.	Bloomfield, Montana	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Vogt, Vernon W.	Hillsboro, Kansas	Menn. Brethren
Wall, Elmer H.	Mountain Lake, Minn.	Menn. Brethren
Waltner, Earl H.	Hurley, S. Dak.	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Weaver, Alvin H.	Wellman, Iowa	Old Amish
Weaver, Eli, A.	Millersburg, Ohio	Old Order Amish
Wiens, Elmer J.	Inman, Kansas	Gen. Cong. Menn.
Wiens, Ernie R.	Inman, Kansas	Gen. Conf. Menn.
Wenger, Don D.	West Liberty, Ohio	Menn. (old)
Willems, Peter	Conway, Kansas	Krimmer Menn. Brethren
Yoder, Alva	Hydro, Oklahoma	Menn. (old)
Yoder, Eli M.	Millersburg, Ohio	Old Order Amish
Yoder, Ivan M.	Wolford, North Dakota	Old Order Amish
Yoder, John M.	Barrs Mills, Ohio	Old Order Amish

Yoder, Joseph A.	West Liberty, Ohio	Menn. Old
Yoder, Nathaniel J.	Nappanee, Indiana	Old Order Amish
Yoder, Ottis	Myle, N. Dak.	Menn. Old
Yoder, Roman S.	Middlefield, Ohio	Old Order Amish
Yordy, Jonas E.	Eureka, Ill.	Menn. (old)
Yothers, Paul R.	Perkasie, Pa.	Menn. (old)
Yutzy, Elmer S.	Wooster, Ohio	Old Order Amish
Zeiters, Raymond H.	Middletown, Pa.	Menn. (old)
Hooley, Hershail	Creston, Montana	Gen. Conf. Menn

BUREAU AND FARM SECURITY PLAN OUR BUILDING

"The types of work to which campees are assigned on this project are probably as diversified as in any CPS camp in the country. The various jobs, while widely varied as to the nature of the work and the training required to do the jobs well, are closely related. Our campees are engaged in nearly all of the phases of development of an irrigation project from the construction of the pumping plant to the final development of the farm units ready for occupancy and operation in all details," says Mr. E.E. Fingerson Camp Superintendent.

The work to which the men at Camp Terry are assigned is registered as the Buffalo Rapids Irrigation project, which is operated through two distinctly separate government agencies. Including the improvement of about thirty thousand acres in the level valley of the Yellowstone River, the Buffalo Rapids Project varies in width from one to five miles and extends from Shirley, 20 miles west of Terry, to Glendive, 40 miles to the east, a distance of 60 miles.

The Farm Security Administration, an agency created under the New Deal for farm improvement and service to needy farmers, administers the project division through M. E. E. Fingerson. There are about 125 men in camp; of these more than 90 are sent out for work on the various projects. The F. S. A. uses 65% of the men for its own crews and the other 35% are assigned to serve with the Bureau of Reclamation, a cooperating agency.

Crews working directly under Farm Security clear the land of the valley, survey it, level it with the best of land leveling equipment including large Caterpillars and Carry-All scrapers. Other crews are directed by the Buffalo Rapids

Farm Association in the final preparation of the farm units for occupancy and operation. The units are equipped with some poultry houses, hog houses, garage, and graineries, barns, and houses. The Association is a corporation which works in close cooperation with the F. S. A.

The Bureau of Reclamation supervises campees crews in the building of central pumping plants which draw the water from the Yellowstone River and pump it into main irrigation canals. The laying out and the construction of these canals and principal lateral systems is also done through the organization of the Bureau. After the plants, canals and laterals are completed, they are given over to the F. S. A. for maintenance and operation. This latter organization prepares the farm ditches which carry the water from the laterals to farmer's fields.

Thus our men are divided into crews which are becoming experts in carpentry, concrete placement, surveying, caterpillar operation, land-leveling, farming and irrigation, and mechanics under the skillful supervision of government foremen.

* * * * * Royce Engle

BEECHY ATTENDS CONFERENCE

On Saturday, April 10, our Director attended a meeting in Chicago called by the moderator and the Committee on Industrial Relations of the (old) General Conference to consider the effect of the current economic and social trends on the life of the church.

Several of the questions opened for discussion by the leaders present were: What can we do for our young men upon (continued page 10)

CAMP ORGANIZATION (continued)

Social and Special Activities:

Mrs. Olive Beechy, chairman; Ruth Wedal, Glen Graber, David Schrag.
Educational: Aaron Herr, chairman; Vernon Vogt, Lloyd Hostetler.

Library: Glen Graber, chairman; Charles Breneman, Lorraine Stahl.

Camp Paper: Aaron Herr, S. Allen Shirk
Ottis Yoder.

The following are the Sunday School officers elected to serve this quarter. Harold Kauffman, superintendent, Joe A. Yoder, Assistant. Teachers are Royce Eagle, Glen Graber, Harry Gashe and Robert Albrecht; secretary, Harold Minkel. Ushers, Delbert Ballard and Kenneth Charles, and choristers Elton Dash, and Glen Graber.

CONFERENCE (Cont. from page 9)

their return from the CPS camps, to help establish them in the life and work of our Mennonite communities? What can we do for our people who are becoming detached from the land and losing their touch with our Mennonite communities? Can we increase the spread of land ownership? Mr. Beechy assisted with the last two and described our setting up here in regard to the future possibilities of establishing a Mennonite community on this or a similar project.

Appreciation was expressed for the testimony CPS men are giving and a desire was voiced to provide for them after the war in a way corresponding to the aid which the government will give service men.

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CPS MEN BATTLE FIRE

On April 3th, forty CPS boys again respond nobly to a call to fight a prairie fire which was endangering the town of Terry and even endangering the property of the camp itself. In spite of being tired from a days work, and hungry they fought a good fight against a fire that had already destroyed many thousand acres of grazing land and was steadily being pushed forward by a strong wind. A good pair of shoes and dancing feet were the best weapons, although burlap bags and shovels proved very effective. Two hours lapsed before the fire was well enough under control, so that the boys could take care of their own physical wants and needs.

The following is a letter of thanks to the CPS boys for the splendid cooperation in eliminating this grave danger:

"On behalf of the Town Council, the property owners in Terry and Prairie Co., I wish to take this means of extending our most sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation and effort put forth by each of you in so very wholeheartedly aiding us in exterminating the recent prairie fire that so seriously threatened our town and surrounding territory.

Your effort is especially appreciate knowing you played a major part, saving much property and was given so willingly and effectively.

Without your help we feel much more damage and destruction would have occurred and we are indeed grateful.

Signed: L.V. Sherman, Mayor Town of Terry



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